



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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TITLE: ROOM AND BOARD AND PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE AMOUNTS (LTSS)

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PROGRAM AREA: HCBS ELDERLY, BLIND AND DISABLED WAIVER, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS WAIVER, AND BRAIN INJURY WAIVER

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Purpose and Audience: The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform case managers, participants, and providers of the change to the Room and Board amount and Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) in accordance with cost-of-living adjustments (COLA).

Background:

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.495.7.A, the Department shall establish a uniform payment for all Medicaid recipients in Alternative Care Facilities (ACF) and Supported Living Programs (SLP) which is permitted to rise in a dollar-for-dollar relationship to any increase in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) grant standard if the Colorado Department of Human Services also raises its grant amounts.

Effective January 1, 2019 there will be a 2.8 percent cost-of-living-adjustment to both Social Security and Old Age Pension (OAP) beneficiaries.

Information/Procedure:

Effective January 1, 2019, the maximum SSI monthly payment an individual may receive will increase to \$771.00 per month, and the maximum OAP amount will increase to \$809.00 per month. In response to the COLA increases, the Department is adjusting the Room and Board payment amounts, as well as the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)

amounts for clients utilizing ACF and SLP services. Through these adjustments, the Department will be aligning the Room and Board payments and PNA amounts across all residential settings.

The amount participants must receive for their Personal Needs Allowance will increase to \$76.00 per month and the maximum amount a residential provider may charge a participant in an ACF or SLP for Room and Board is \$695.00. The amounts are calculated in the table below:

| | 2017 R & B | 2018 R & B | 2019 R & B | 2017 PNA | 2018 PNA | 2019 PNA |
|----------|------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| ACF /SLP | \$677 | \$692 | \$695 | \$58 | \$58 | \$76 |

Attachment(s):

None

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